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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 19, 2002, in connection with the above application. Petition for a four-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

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**In the claims:**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims (whether or not amended), are presented below.

Please delete claims 2, 5-8, and 11 without prejudice.

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1. (Amended) A method for attenuating expression of a target gene in a mammalian cell, comprising introducing double stranded RNA (dsRNA) into the cell in an amount sufficient to attenuate expression of the target gene, wherein the dsRNA